

Question on Notice
No. 372
Asked on 16 April 2024

MR D CRISAFULLI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND SPORT (HON M HEALY) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the action item from the Towards Tourism 2032 plan to ‘Establish a whole-of-government committee to review aspects of ecotourism and government-led ecotourism projects, including consideration of the most effective legislation, policy and implementation frameworks, guidelines and approvals processes’ by 2023— Will the Minister provide (a) the membership of the committee, (b) dates that the committee met in 2023 and (c) the committee’s deliverables for 2024?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has established the Ecotourism Cross-Agency Working Group (EWG) to review whole-of-government efforts on ecotourism projects.

In relation to the components of the question, I can advise:

- (a) The EWG is co-chaired by the Department of Tourism and Sport (DTS) and the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI), with membership that includes: Department of the Premier and Cabinet; Queensland Treasury; the Department of State Development and Infrastructure; the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works; the Department of Transport and Main Roads; the Department of Treaty Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts; the Department of Resources; and Tourism and Events Queensland.
- (b) Prior to the formation of the EWG, senior executives from DTS and DESI have met approximately 150 times across 2022 and 2023, as part regularly scheduled ecotourism project meetings. The EWG was then formed in late 2023, with its first meeting held on 16 February 2024.
- (c) In 2024 the EWG will focus on the delivery of Towards Tourism 2032 recommendations and the recommendations in the Queensland Audit Office Growing Ecotourism in Queensland Report.